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Doctors Give Up Although No: Preparing for Immediate Dissolution.

SENATOR CONSTANTLY GROWING WEAKER

Unexpected Change for the Worse Alarms Friends and Family.

STIMULANTS AND OXYGEN FREELY USED

Rallies from Sinking Spells, but Each Succeeding Attack is Apparently More Severe Than the One Preceding.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 14.-8:30 p. m.-All hope of Senator Hanna's recovery is gone. Mr. Dover has just stated that there is no

chance for life. "It is just a matter of temporary improvement," he said. The doctors, however, are not preparing for immediate dis-

This has been regarded throughout as the crucial day in Senator Hanna's heroic battle for life. It began with assurances of quite an optimistic character. The first news of the day from the sickroom was announced shortly after 7 a. m. The senator, the doctors said, had passed a pertectly quiet night. His temperature at 7 o'clock was 103.8, pulse 120, and strong and regular, and his respiration was declared to be sat-

isfactory, although no figure was given. At intervals of two hours during the night Senator Hanna had been aroused and given nourishment, after which he would immediately resume his sleep. The doctors supplemented this announcement with the statement that the condition of the senator at this time surpassed their expectations. This statement had hardly been issued when an unexpected change for the worse took place.

Change for the Worse.

Dr. Osley had gone to Mr. Hanna's room and Dr. Carter and Secretary Elmer Dover had stepped down to the dining room for breakfast. Dr. Rixey had not arrived and senator was alone with his nurses. Buddenly he became noticeably weaker. His Obispo rapid breathing excited alarm and other evident signs of distress caused a hurried summons for both physicians.

On their almost instant arrival his pulse and his respiration was above 40. The oxygen apparatus was immediately put into use, the broathing cone was placed over senator's mouth and nostrils and re-Hef secured. At 9:30 o'clock an official bulletin was issued covering this period. Its to the isthmus if the United States constatement follows:

RIXEY. OSLER. CARTER.

comment on the outlook but it was noticeable that their optimism of the early morning has been entirely dissipated by the o'clock sinking spell. However, for the next few hours the reports which came unofficially from the bedside of the senator all told of his wonderful recuperative

Slight Improvement Occurs.

At 10:30 a. m., Dr. Osler declared the dis tinguished patient to be entirely recovered from the depression of the earlier morning nours. At this time the doctor left for Baltimore, with the understanding that he would return at 4:30 this afternoon. Dr. Rixoy, Carter and Fulcher remained in bulletin was issued:

At 12 o'clock noon, Senator Hanna's tem-perature was 102; pulse, 124; respiration, 28, ie is resting quietly and shows a slight mprevement over his condition when the morning bulletin was issued.

The drop of nearly two degrees in th senutor's temperature between the 9:30 and noon bulletins was looked upon as a most couraging sign, especially in view of the fact that the bath had not been resorted to, to reduce the fever.

H. M. Hanna, the senator's brother, or coming from the sick room just as the noon bulletin was issued said that a very decided improvement in every respect had taken place during the half hour imme diately preceding.

Severe Sinking Spell.

A lapse of nearly two hours then inter vened without news except of the most pdefinite character, such as "no change, when suddenly at 2 o'clock Representative bick of Ohio and Mr. Dover came from the senator's apartments with the shocking announcement that the senator had auffered another severe sinking spell and had failed utterly to respond to all stimulants administered to revive him.

This news came like a bolt from a clear sky. The hotel corridors had been thronged throughout the day with anxious inquirers as to the senator's condition. The latest news from the sick room caused a hush throughout the lobbles.

Mr. Medill McCormick, the senator's son in-law, was dispatched in haste for more powerful stimulants. These came, but the next report a few minutes later said that the doctors declared the end to be only a question of perhaps minutes, but at most

Then within a space of three minutes the patient rallied, his consciousness returned and by the exertion of his wonderful will power Senator Hanna seemed to pull himself together in what the doctors and those at the hedside regarded as a most miraculous manner. But the fight was by no means won. Although the afternoon relapse had been railled from it had left him in a hadly weakened condition. The restoratives were continued and the senator dozed into a stupor. Dr. Carter's description of the sinking spell made public shortly after 3 o'clock:

Shortly after 1 o'clock a sudden weakens spell came on. We at once started morely after i o'clock a sudden weaken, no spell came on. We at once started at work on the senator but he failed to respond to the restoratives applied Durins this spell the pulse entirely disappeared from the wrist and only a silent flutter of the heart could be detected. We kept applying other stimulants and finally got a slight response. Now he has a preity good pulse and also results tion. The spell was decidedly worse than the one this morning Asked as to the future outlook the detect. Asked as to the future outlook, the doctor

"We can only work and hope."

Situation More Critical.

When the situation looked most critical this afternoon the members of the imme fate family were assembled in the sick Mrs. Hanna has been in almost constant attendance at the bedside. Others

Board of Trade Takes Them in Hand and Shows Them the Sights of the City.

NEW ORLEANS, Feb. 14.-(Special Telem.)-One hundred and eighty members GREAT POWERS HAVE NOT AGREED TO IT he Nebraska Grain Dealers' association, y of them accompanied by the members

rning at 11:30 o'clock after an unbroken run from Memphis. As the party debarked from the special train they were met by a committee from the New Orleans Board of Trade, headed by Chairman A. F. Leonhardt, who explained to them the program of entertainment which had been mapped out for them during their stay in the city. The visitors then went to Farbacher's restaurant for breakfast, after which they scattered about the city to see the sights

of the carnival season. In the afternoon at 3 o'clock the visitors all met at the foot of Canal street where they boarded a special street car and were shown the most famous parts of the city. including the old French quarter and the uptown residential sections. Before the party shall leave on the 17th they will be shown many courtesies. Tomorrow morning the Board of Trade will entertain the entire party at the Board of Trade building, giving a lunch. In the afternoon, through the courtesy of the Texas & Pacific railroad they will see the arrival of the king of the carnival and take part in the Kex parade on the Mississippi river in one of the boats of the Texas & Pacific. Further entertainment will be given them before their departure. On account of train into a hotel.

NEEDED AT SAN DOMINGO togic points to prevent a breach of neu-Marines Get Hurry Orders from Washington to Proceed to Dis-

turbed Republic.

COLON, Feb. 14.-Hurried Orders from Washington were received to embark a battalion of marines on the Prairie. A special train left Colon this morning and re-

Panama railroad. The Prairie's boats were kept busy all day embarking the camp fittings, baggage, stores, etc., and this task is not yet fin-Major Lucas will command the battalion and the Prairie will sail tomor-

row under scaled orders, It has leaked out here that the marines are destined for Santo Domingo, Only about 100 marines now remain at Bas

WASHINGTON, Feb. 14.-Naval officials say that while the Prairie with the 450 marines from Colon aboard will touch at was beating at the alarming rate of 137 the vessel is the naval station at Guantanamo. The purpose of taking the men Mr. Hay. there they say is to give them a change of climate and surroundings.

After they have been at Guantanamo for a while probably they will be sent back Senator Hanna passed a favorable night there and others will be given an opportunity is weaker this morning. Temperature tunity to go to Guantanamo. The officials 1928; pulse, 124; respiration, 40. say it is not the intention of the government to increase its marine landing force are needed for landing purposes.

> PROMINENT JURIST

> Judge Brewster, Who Framed Uniform Divorce Law and Figured in Tilden Case, Expires.

DANBURY, Conn., Feb. 14 -- Judge Lyman Dennison Brewster, a jurist of national reputation, was found dead at his home in this city today. While speaking at the annual dinner of the New York State Bar association at Albany, N. Y., last year Judge Brewster suffered from a constant attendance. At noon an official stroke of apoplexy. He has been in feeble health since that time.

> This morning when Mrs. Brewster went to her husband's room to call him she found that he was dead. Judge Brewster was a charter member of the American Bar association and a familiar figure at their annual meetings. From 1890 until the be ginning of the present year he was chair man of the committee on uniform state laws. In 1896 he was elected president of the national conference of uniform laws, which office he resigned because of ill

health. The uniform divorce law, which it is expected will be adopted by nearly every state in the union, was drafted by Judge Brewster. He was associated with Joseph H. Choate, now United States ambassador to England, in breaking the will of the late Samuel J. Tilden.

ARE STILL APART ON WAGES Miners of Illinois, Indiana and Othe States Hope That an Agreement Can Be Reached.

INDIANAPOLIS, Feb. 14.-Tomorrow the date for the meeting of the committee representing the operators and mine work ers of the states of Illinois, Indiana, Ohio and western Pennsylvania, which was ap pointed at the recent unsuccessful confer ence to decide upon a date for the calling together of the joint wage scale committee. It was thought by many miners and operators at the time of the conference that the joint conference would again be called but this will not be done unless the joint scale committee falls to come to an agree ment on a wage scale to go into effect for

one year, beginning April 12. The committee will set a date on which members of the scale committee will as semble in Indianapolis to fight out the wage scale issue. Failing to come to an agreement a call will be sent to all dele gates of the miners and operators to again

meet in joint conference. Unless the operators grant the miners' emands in the scale committee meetings general call must be made, as the miners have instructed their scale committee to accept nothing but the present scale.

KANSAS CITY JOCKEY MEET All the Big Stables of the West Will Be Entered in the

Events.

KANSAS CITY, Feb. 14.-Every blg sta ble in the west has made entries for the ten events of the initial meeting of the Kansas City Jockey club, although the stakes will not close until March 1. than 300 stake entries have already been received and when the entries of Corrigan. Scrieber and others now racing in Califorils arrive the list probably will amount o 500. Charley Ellison has made a number of entries and it is considered a certainty that he will be here and Barney Scrieber has informed President Christie that he will be on hand with his entire string.

Acceptance of Hay's Proposal Makes Its Deliver. Neutral ty a Certainty.

eir families, reached New Orleans this Japan Prefers That No Foreign Naval Officers Accompany Its Fleets for Purpose of Observing the War.

(Copyright, 1904, by James Gordon Bennett.) WASHINGTON, Feb. 14-(New York Herald-Omaha Bee Special Telegram.)-Mr. Takabira, the Japanese minister, views with satisfaction the acquiescence of one great power after another to the principles of Secretary Hay's effort for the localizing of hostilities and for the preservation of China's neutrality. He said this afternoon that "Japan has always desired the neutrallty of China and more than three weeks ago the Japanese minister at Peking informed Prince Ching that it was Japan's hope that China would be thoroughly neutral in the event of war between Russia. and Japan. Accordingly Japan readily acquiesced to Secretary Hay's note on condition that its principle was accepted by Russia. The position of Japan is just what reports from Paris have defined it. Japan regards the belligerents as bound to reduce the area of war to a minimum and considers that the number of belligerent powers should be reduced as far as possible and that China maintain order throughout the crowded hotels the party has converted its empire, especially at treaty ports, refrain from furnishing supplies to the belligerents and should keep a sufficient force at stratrality and to see that all Chinese territory save Manchurla is free from war opera-Japan will respect China's neutrality."

"That is difficult to say," answered Mr. Takahira. "Mr. Hay's idea is to restrict turned at noon with the 450 marines, who be an excellent thing if the limit beyond a great deal of discussion us the estabwere encamped at Bas Obispo station on the which there must be no fighting could be defined on a map, but that is difficult. subject it is also hard to say, but it would seem that the recognition by each of the principle of the neutrality of China and the agreement of each to resp et it will serve the purpose of keeping the war from spreading further into China than Manchurte."

Inquiry at the British, Italian and Austria-Hungarian embassies and the Chinese legation elicited the information that none of them had been informed of the formal San Domingo that the real destination of acceptance and acquiescence by their governments to the proposition set forth by

Wants No Observers.

By a high official of the State department the Herald correspondent was tonight informed that this government has made no tinues to keep up its present marines arrangements for American naval officers to accompany the Japanese fleet to Port Arthur. The Navy department, anxious to gain all possible information about the war, suggested recently that the Japanin San Domingo waters, that there is al- ese government be asked if it would per-The physicians declined to make further ready an adequate number of men on mit American naval officers to accompany board the ships now in those waters if any the various fleet commanders. The State department made a tentative suggestion to the Japanese Foreign office and was told DEAD that Japan preferred to have no foreign naval officers on board. The project, therefore, went no further.

England's full acquiescence to Secretary Hay's note urging the powers with interests in the Orient to assist in restricting the area of Russo-Japanese hostilities by insuring the preservation of China's neutrality, has been received and confirms the earlier general agreement to the proposition. No doubt of England's support has ever been entertained. With England, Germany, France and Japan ranged behind this policy and Russia saying it has waived objections, tomorrow will probably see the lesser powers-Spain, Denmark, Belgium, Austria-Hungary, The Netherlands and Sweden and Norway all sending assent to

Mr. Hay's suggestion. President Roosevelt and Mr. Hay have both received many congratulations on the

success of this move. Minister Conger at Peking has cabled that he hopes the action of the powers will dissuade the empress dowager from any idea of leaving the Chinese capital with her court. Diplomats who have served in China hold the same opinion of its effect To them the tranquility of China, always in time of war a seething chaldron of unrest, seems more assured than at any tim for months.

In Interests of Belligerents.

(Copyright, 1904, by James Gordon Bennett.) BERLIN, Feb. 14 .- (New York Herald Special Cablegram, Special Telegram.)-The proposal of the neutralization of China is regarded here as being in the interest of the belligerents, as it would prevent troops from being sent around by Chinese territory. It would also give satisfaction to Russia, as the exception of Manchuria from the proposed arrangement is a practical admission by the powers of Russia's preponderant position there. Russia's action, however, is approved by Germany in asking for a fuller definition of the proposal. At the same time it is considered that the suspicions felt at St. Petersburg are incomprehensible, a sthe powers have made no effort to apply the same treatmen to Corea, though that country also made a declaration of neutrality.

GUESTS OF BISHOP GLENNON Prominent Catholic Divines of Cleveland Visit in St. Louis on Their Way South,

ST. LOUIS. Feb. 14.-Right Rev. Ignatius Horstmann, bishop of the Catholic diocese of Cleveland, accompanied by Right Rev. Monsignor T. P. Thorpe, vicar general of the Cleveland diocese, and James McHenry, J. J. Glennon. They departed tonight for San Antonio, Tex., where Bishop Horstmann will remain for some time to recuperate his declining health.

REPORT CRUISERS BLOWN UP

Russian Ships Said to Have Been Lost in Straits Near Hakknido.

Copyright, 1904, by James Gordon Bennett. NAGASAKI, Feb. 14 .- (New York Herald ablegram-Special Telegram.)-A telegram eccived here states that three out of four Russian cruisers were blown up by torpedoes while passing through the Tsugara forts fired effectually upon the enemy in with a dull rumble. I the straits

Senator Morgan Has a Series of Speeches Which He Will

WASHINGTON, Feb. 14.-The senate will

continue to consider the Panama treaty during the week, both in open and in exe cutive session. Senator Morgan has presituation which he will present in open session. When these speeches no longer occurv the attention of the senate. Senator Cullom will insist that consideration of the treaty in executive session be resumed. It is understood there will be considerable of a discussion of the treaty behind closed doors. It is expected that on Monday or Tuesday a time will be fixed for taking a vote on the treaty. It has been agreed already that a vote will be taken on or before February 23, and the general Impression is that the 23rd will be the date fixed. If Senator Hanna dies, congress will adjourn for one and possibly two days on secount of his death and funeral.

Should there be any time to spare from consideration of the treaty and the various resolutions relating to the Panama situation, the agricultural appropriation bill will be passed. Senator McCumber expects to have the pension appropriation bill ready to consider during the week, if there is time to take it up.

There is quite a lot of business on the calendar of a miscellaneous character which will occupy the time when no public measures are pressing.

House Busy with Navy.

The naval appropriation bill will occupy much of the time of the house during the week. During the week there will be time devoted to general debate, when not only the naval program, but many other matters, including foreign affairs, are likely to be discussed. Then consideration of the tions. These are the conditions on which bill under the five-minute rule will take much time as there are various features "What will be the next step after all the of the measure which will cause debate. powers addressed acquiesce to Mr. Hay's Should the committee on rules report favorably Chairman Poss' resolution providing for consideration of the paragraph for n naval training station at some point on ing: hostilities as far as practicable. It would the great lakes, that paragraph will cause lishment of such a station has met opposition from Canada as being in conflict with Whether there will be an interchange of the Rush-Bagot treaty relating to naval opinion b tween Russia and Japan on this corce on the lakes. There also is a conflict between Michigan and Ohio for such a station, if one is to be established.

Following the naval bill it is intended to give time to the bill reported from the peror has himself issued the strongest orcommittee on merchant marine and fisheries providing for a commission to investigate American shipping. If unanimous consent is not obtained from considering the bill it is expected that a resolution will be brought in by the committee on rules providing for its consideration. On Friday private claims bills will oc

OFFICIALS ROASTS Thinks Those of Chicago Are in Panic in the Matter of Thrater

cupy the attention of the house.

Regulation. CHICAGO, Feb. 14 -The city authorities have prevented the use of the "spot light" in Sir Henry Irving production of "The Bells," and have compelled the stage management to use instead in the dream scene, a strong incandescent light. This action. in connection with other safeguards which have been placed about Chicago theater audiences since the Iroquets disaster, has caused no little annoyance to the English actor, who expressed his displeasure when called before an audience at the close of his performance in the Illinois theater. In

the course of his remarks, Sir Henry said: trust that you will not misunderstand if I refer to the recent fearful, lament-Panics are always terrible and the disaster they produce are always terrible. which occurred casts no reflection on your city or an the theaters of your city, for it could have occurred in any other city in the world, and in a cathedral, in a church, or in a railway station, just as easily as in the theater.

But it has produced a panic—a panic campus your carry.

in the theater.

But it has produced a panic—a panic emong your officials.

And I would like it to be thoroughly unferstood by you that some times much injury may be done by jacks in office. And I would carnestly beg of you to exert all your influence to allay the feeling of panic which at present exists among other officials of your great city. ctals of your great city.

DESCRIBES END OF VORIAG Herald Correspondent Witnesses Unequal Struggle in Chemulpo Harbor.

(Copyright, 1904, by James Gordon Bennett.) NAGASAKI, Feb. 12 .- (Delayed in Transmission.)-New York Herald Cablegram-Special Telegram.)-At 4:30 o'clock in th afternoon of February 8 the Japanese warships Akashi, Chiyoda, Fakachiho, Nantwa and Mikasa, with soven torpedo boats and three transports, entered Chemulpo harbor. having on board 2,600 men. They began to land troops immediately in perfect order and under superb system, and by dawn of February 9 all the men were biliteted safely on the Japanese concession. warships then withdrew. At 10 o'clock th Japanese consul warned the British resi dents that Admiral Urlu, commanding the squadron, had given the Russian senjor officer, captain of the Variag, and the commander of the Koreitz until noon to leave port, falling which he would begin action At 11:30 o'clock in the foremoon the Variag and the Korietz steamed away. proceeded in the steamer Ajax, from which saw them meet by eight Japanese ves sels. The first gun was fired at twent; minutes to 12 o'clock. The Japanese scorning the Korietz, concentrated the fire on the Variag. The latter continually circled round, replying from its sides after nately, but it was apparent that its shoot ing was not good. On every side its shell went wide. It was observable that the Japanese gradually closed in, the battleship Mikasa doing most of the firing and effective damage. At 1:15 they ceased firing a the Variag re-entered the harbor and took up a position with the Korletz among other warships. One of its boilers was injured and it was on fire astern. The flames were prominent merchant of that city, were extinguished by flooding a compartment today the guests of Most Rev. Archbishop Ita officers refused to disclose the number of its casualties. The Japanese, meanwhile, had withdrawn again, waiting until 4 o'clock My writing is interrupted at this moment

by a terrific report. The Korietz has been blown up by the Russians, whose men car be seen in boats pulling for the variag. An immense column of smoke arose and then cleared away, leaving sight of the Korietz with funnel and masts just above water, The Japanese ashore are wildly cheering The Variag still remained at anchor. It

approached slowly. At twentw minutes Russia could put its fullest strength into mark or only four and one-half below the after 5 p. m., fire appeared in the after the field it would be unable to hold the danger line. part of the Variag and spread slowly. The Lion Tung peninsula against Japan. heeled over, surely, but barely perceptibly, strait off Hakkaido. It is reported that the and at five minutes after 6 o'clock it sank pregnable, and Port Arthur must fall in is blocked with ice. The water tonight

PANAMA DEBATE STILL ON LOOKS SERIOUS IN RUSSIA NEBRASKA WEATHER FORECAST CUT UP BY COSSACKS

Czar's Government Greatly Disturbed Over the Condition in the East.

WHOLE COUNTRY PUT ON WAR FOOTING

pared speeches on different phases of the Real Cause of War Said to Be Secret Ukase Which Practically Closed Manchuria to Foreign Trade.

> (Copyright, 1904, by James Gordon Bennett.) ST. PETERSBURG, Feb. 14.-(New York Herald Cablegram-Special Telegram.)-Matters are assuming a very serious aspect as will be shown by the following items of news, which I have received from an authoritative source. On Thursday, last, owing to news of special seriousness just re- minister to Corea, withdrew from Scoul ceived, a council of war was called, which lasted from 2 till 4 o'clock. In view of possible eventualities it was resolved to place the whole country upon a war footing, so as to be able, in case of need, to meet any possible strack from three sides. All the guards regiments, with the exception of those forming the first division, have been ordered to hold themselves in readiness for active service. Parties of these have already left for the far east and others will follow from day to day. The artillery of the guard also has received orders to move to the front. Very grave news has been re- instructions not to interfere with M. Pavceived as to coming international complica- loft's departure. From Pascal, M. Pavloff tions, and the promotion of the seniors in will go to Che Foo. The above disclaimer the artillery school for cadets is expected momentarily.

One of the most serious bits of news at this moment is the confirmation of the statement that aboard the Japanese vessels of war attacking Port Arthur were a number of American naval officers, This caused the capital at 9 o'clock tonight. Lines something akin to a feeling of consterna- of mounted and unmounted police guarded bles: tion among the Russian officers. On and kept the streets from the legation to Wednesday the emperor summoned to the winter palace all the officers even down to entrained. The crowds were not difficult to subalterns of the guards regiments now in handle but were naturally intent on cole-St. Petersburg and addressed them say-

"As unfortunately the country is at war it is expected the guards will do their duty nobly and share the deprivations and trials with a ceremony somewhat mournful. The and it is hoped the glories of their comrades of the line."

No official publication has been made of Viceroy Alexieff's telegram, sent to you, in steamer Yarra, which is to sail at 3 a. m. reference to the damage done to the Japanese ships by the Russian fire. The em ders that no news whatsoever be con municated through the headquarters staff. Further, he is deeply annoyed at the attitude recently adopted by the Russian press of writing upon the political situation in way calculated to raise enmity toward Russia by England and also very specially America. For instance, the St. Petersburg Gazette has been prohibited, not as gener ally supposed for publishing false news about the war, but because of an accompanying article highly insulting to England, the emperor wisely considering it the poorest policy to make bitter enemies at such times as these.

between the Variag and Korietz, to join Cause of the War. I am told from an excellent source that the whole cause of the war was a private in which to surrender. The Russians ukase signed at the end of December last, which came to the knowledge of the America nembassy here, in which the emperor orlasting two hours, followed. The Russian dered the application along the whole of vessels, getting the worst of an e-counter the Manchurian seaboard of Russian pro- in which the odds were overwhelmingly Japanese warship Amski has captured the colive tariffs, such to take effect from January 1, (old style) that is to say, thirbor. The Variag, which was badly injured teen days later according to our calendar. listed heavily. Two hours later the Rus-General Kuropatkin has resigned his position as minister of war and will be given an appointment as governor of Turkestan. | miles from the luner harbor. A flerce fight coording to a telegram from Missovala, followed. The Russian vessels were badly ne of the so much dreaded storms that terrorize Lake Balkal has broken out, most unfortunately just at the moment when the rails were being laid over the ice. A double rescued by the French and Italian vessels They transferred complete Japanese crews runture of the ice has taken place some versts from Tanhol, on the eastern side, leaving open gaps of several yards, which the Variag was seen to sink. Whether it will have to be filled by ice blocks. The work has been interrupted some days while wood sleepers are still massing in big stacks at Irkoutsk, men having been employed in onsolidating the railway there. Thus the anticipated road across the lake will not SITUATION BECOMING ACUTE be completed tomorrow, as was so greatly hoped.

In spite of the denial of Lord Lansdowne, t is still believed here that the Japanese fleet had its headquarters at Wei Hai Wei A courteous yet sharp note has reached the British ambassador here asking him if the Japanese by some understanding had been allowed to enter Wei Hai Wei If so England is requested to reoccupy the place, otherwise its failure to do so will be regarded as a hostile action by the imperial government. Further the British ambassador has received a note containing the formal protests of Russia against British expedition to Thibet.

LAYING SIEGE TO PORT ARTHUR

Japanese Propose to Invest City from Both Sea and Land.

(Copyright, 1904, by James Gordon Bennett. CHE FOO, Feb. 12 .- (Delayed in Transmission.)-(New York Herald Cablegram-Special Telegram.)-Official notification has been issued from the Russlans that no more merchantmen will be allowed to proceed from Port Arthur. Recent arrivals here report that the Russian government has bought four Norwegian, two British and one American ship for transports. Siberian trains are bringing full consigments of reinforcements. The arrivals at Irkutsk are estimated at 6,000, one half of tion of the wreeks appear to be such that

which are for Kwan Tung and the other it will be easy to recover the guns. half for the Yalu. The Japanese intend to lay seige to Port Arthur by sea and land and are now only awaiting reinforcements. The Bussians are

laying many mines. The Russians are laying mines at the en trance to Dainy and all neutral merchant ships, ten in number, left the port, escorter by torpedo boats. The Japanese attack is expected at any moment.

FATE OF PORT ARTHUR SEALED Navy and Army Are Co-Operating in the Movement Against It.

(Copyright, 1964, by James Gordon Bennett.) NAGASAKI, Feb. 14.-(New York Herald Cablegram-Special Telegram.)-The second classes of vessels. stage of the war has now begun and army operations, the transport of troops and so was exactly within a half hour after the forth are in course of being carried out. Japanese fleet appeared in the distance and Personally I have not a doubt that even if twelve and one-half feet above low water port Arthur of the landing of Japanese Japanese then stopped firing. The Variag fact that the latter's fleet is helping its in the Susquehama river here has fallen rour of the Russians from both flunks of the

Fair Monday: Tuesday, Partly Cloudy and Warmer, with Probably Snow in Northwest Portion.

Temperature at Omaha Yesterday.

RUSSIANS QUIT VOLUNTARILY

Protection of Legation

TOKIO, Friday, Feb. 12.-The Japanese

government denies that Payloff, Russian

today under Japanese pressure, but that his

withdrawai was entirely voluntary. It is

minister, intimated a desire to leave Seoul

and entrust Russian affairs to the care of

the French legation, which has placed a

French guard around the legation. The

Japanese government acquiesced to this

arrangement and arranged that when M.

Pavloff left the legation today in place of

station, where a special train to Chemulpo

was taken. An officer escorted M. Pavioff

to Pascal. The Japanese fleet was given

by Japan indicates that while Corea is

largely dominated by the Japanese military

force, the government has no intention of

at present assuming territorial possession.

TOKIO, Thursday, Feb. 11.—Baron de Ro-

sen, the Russian minister, withdrew from

the Shinbashi station, where the minister

brating the successes of their navy. The

diplomatic staff and many friends, both

Japanese and foreign, assembled at the

station and bade Baron de Rosen farewell

police guarded the train and accompanied

the Russian minister and party to Yoke

hama, where it embarked on the French

BOTH CRUISERS ARE BLOWN UP

Details of Plucky Fight of the Vaving

Are at Last Coming

NAGASAKI, Feb. 12 -- A dispatch from

Themulpo gives the following account of

the destruction of the Russian cruiser

Variag and gunboat Korietz. The Japanese

fleet, commanded by Admiral Uriu, on the

flagship Adneuma, arrived at noon and

sent a wireless telegram to the Japanese

cruiser Chigeda, which was lying at anchor

the fleet outside. The Russians found

themselves trapped. Admiral Uriu then

signalled giving the Passians five minutes.

Japanese opened fire. A brisk engagement.

against them, steamed tack into the har-

sians attempted to break through the Jap-

anese fleet, which was encountered four

sumably by its own crew, in order to es-

cane capture. A portion of the crew was

in the barbor. The Varing tried to escape,

but suddenly an explosion was heard, and

was sunk by a Japanese shell or by its

The United States gunboat Vicksburg

and the British cruiser Talcot witnessed

Japanese Demand Survivors of Ship

Sunk in Battle, but British Re-

fuse to Surrender Them.

NAGASAKI, Feb. 14 .- The survivors from

the Variag and the Korictz, the Russian

cruiners that were sunk by the Japanese

fleet at Chemulpo last Tuesday, still remain

on board the British eruiser Talbot, the

Italian cruiser Elba, the French cruiser

The situation is becoming acute, as the

Japanese have twice made demands on the

that the Russians be surrendered as pris-

being the senior naval officer, each time

American gunboat Vicksburg, whose con-

frained from sinking them in the open sea

A magnificent episode in the battle was

With bands playing the national an-

the second sortie of the two Russian cruis-

the bravery and gallantry of the Russians.

the Variag and Korietz faced the Japanese

Russian losses were one officer and forty

ICE CHOKES EASTERN RIVERS

Steamer New Orleans from Baltimore

Damaged and Beached-Vessels

Experience Much Di'culty.

BALTIMORE, Feb. 14.—The Merchant and

Miners' steamer New Orleans, which salled

from Baltimore on Thursday from Savau-

nah, was cut through by ice and was

beached next morning between Plum Point

and Governor's Run, west side of the bay

above Point Lookout. Tug Brittannia has

seen sent to her. The Cheaspeake bay is

full of ice from Baltimore to Point Look-

out and is giving much trouble to all

HARRISBURG, Pa., Feb. 14.-The Sus

puehanna river closed last night for the

commanders of the three foreign vessels

the battle

Pancal.

from his government.

as they could have done.

men killed and 464 wounded.

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stated that M. Pavloff, through the French

Officials.

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Over Four Hundred Japanese Reported Wounded in Close Encounter.

Honr. Deg. 1 p. m..... 14 3 p. m 10 TROOPS ARE BEING LANDED AT CHEMULPO

> Vicercy Alexieff Reports Attempts to Out the Telegraph Wires.

> HEAVY FIRING REPORTED AT PE CHI LI

Japanese Furnish a Guard for the Passengers at Port Arthur Report Emicing of Russian Oruiser on Saturiay.

> Ten Thousand Men Are to Be Put into Active Service on the Chi Li Manchurian

> > Border.

CHE FOO, Feb. 12 -(Delayed in transmission.)-A report is current that the apanese, who attempted to land 2,500 men t Bidzuwe, near Fort Arthur, last Tuesday, were repulsed and almost annihilated. Two Japanese cruisers were suck the same police, soldiers guarded the coute to the day and one badly damaged at Port Arthur. These reports come from Russian

> LONDON, Feb. 15.-The Daily Mail's Port Arthur correspondent under date of February 12 mays:

Official solvices state that the Japanese landed die soldiers near Talien Wan, with disastrous results. 400 being cabred by Cossacks. The remainder escaped to their ships. It is further teated that the Japanese landed at Dove bay, where thirty of them were killed, and the remainder retreated. ireated

The Dally Mail's New Chwang correspondent, under date of February 11, c'r

According to official Port Asthur tell grams, the Japanese landed a force yes terday at Figeon bay, west of Pert Arthur. They were then attacked by troops and by the land batteries and were defeated with

Reports Shelling of Dalny.

The Times' Wei Hai Wei correspondent says that on the morning of February 10 he Japanese occupied Ching-Hala-Wer, a Russian coaling station close to Chemulpo. The Daily Telegraph's Shanghai correspondent, under date of February 12, says t isreported that the Japanese have bombarded Dalny and landed marines. Under date of February 12 the Times

Tokio correspondent says the Russian Vladivostok squadron, consisting of the cruisers Gromobol, Rossia, Ruris and Bogctyr, accompanied by a transpert, passed Tsugaru strait February II, steering westward, but that the destination of the squadron is unknown. The Tokio correspondent of the Times, cabling under date of February 12, says:

"It is cald that the Japanese squadron has scaled Port Arthur.' Alexieff Bottled Up. The correspondent of the Daily Express at Peking, in a cablegram dated February 2. reports that Viceroy Alexieff is practi-

suspended. He adds that the railroad behind Port Arthur has been blown up and ignored the demand to go render and the that 6.00 Japanese troops have landed near Dainy. The Dully Mail's Toldo correspondent, under date of February 12, says that the

cally isolated, direct communication between Port Arthur and Vindivostok being

German steamer Yokohama, which had a cargo including dynamite for Port Arthur. Fute of Squadron a Mystery

A dispatch to the Daily Express from

When the Kasuga and Nlashin left here damaged. The Korietz was blown up, pre- they proceeded south and met a Nippon Yesem steamer which had been assigned to a rendezvous in the Dutch archipelago. and officers to the Japanese cruisers and took their temporary English crews. The crews then returned to Singapore, but left immediately with orders to watch for the Russian volunteer vessels Ekorinociav and

> There were a number of belated telegrams reaching London from the far east last night but they added little or nothing to what is known of the situation there. The mystery surrounding the ate of the Viadivostok squadron is yet unsolved.

> The Daily Mail, the Daily Telegraph and other papers publish dispatches from Toklo, Nagasaki and Shanghai reporting the destruction of three Russian causers by mines or torpedoes in the Tsugaru strait off Acmort, Japan.

> The Daily Mall, which at first described the news as official in a later telegram says the report still lacks absolute confirmation. In the absence of confirmation the reports are not generally credited.

The statement that China will maintain neutrality is published in Peking. It is oners of war. The captain of the Talbot, stated in Tien Tsin that all foreigners have been ordered to leave Port Arthur. It is replied that he was awaiting instructions also reported that the Siberian railroad has been wrecked in six places covering a dis-None of the Russians are on board the tance of seventy miles. The correspondent at Tien Tsin of the Standard, cabling mander considers that the Japanese are under date of February II, says the Britright in their demand, as the Russians took | ish, American, Freuch, German and Italian advantage of the elemency of the Japanese ministers have jointly notified the Russian in returning to the harbor and taking ref- and Japanese ministers that no hostilities uge on the foreign vessels and refusing to will be allowed on Chinese soil, other than surrender, whereas, the Japanese flect re- that of Manchuria.

Japanese Land Troops.

ST. PETERSBURG, Feb. 15, 2:45 a. A communication from Vicercy Alexieff just received confirms the report of the them, the international feet loudly cheering landing of 19,000 Japanese troops at Chemulpo. The vicercy adds that reports have been received of attempts to cut the telefleet in what was certain death. The posi- graph wires along the Chinese Eastern rallway and also to dstroy one of the abutments of the Sungari bridge These attempts, he adds, were immediately detected and decisive measures take to guard the

rollway. Major General Pflug wires that according to private advices the Japanese, after the battle of Chemulpo, landed 19,000 troops. Communication by wireless telegraphy has hery established with Chemuloo and Che

Foo by ships stationed between these two All is quiet at Port Arthur. Th re is no news of the enemy's fleet and confirmation of the reported appearance of Japanese iron clads off Tatung Kan, but the indica-

tions are that the enemy's scouts are aff The mobilization of troops is being sur cessfully carried out. General Basilewski. chief engineer, reports that the Port Arthur forte were not damag d during the

bombardment. One Story Denled.

PETERSBUURG Feb. 14.-There is no third time this winter. The water is official confirmation of the rumer from troops at Shan Hal Kwan. If the rumor should prove to be correct, it will mean WILKESBARRE, Pa., Fab. H.-The water | that the Japan se are trying to get in the

troops makes its position practically im- eight feet since last Tuesday and the river the object of cutting communications In military circles confidence is expressed the course of time, even without assault. is seventeen feet above low water mark. that the forward J. punese movement from

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